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News from District Six

Panel Signs Installed to Warn Commercial Trucks of Steep Grade Ahead on I-75

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet just added new safety features to I-75 in Kenton County. Four panel signs were recently installed to aid commercial truck drivers as they travel down I-75.

Tom Schomaker, Chief District Engineer for District 6 stated that "I-75 carries a lot of interstate traffic. We want to warn commercial vehicles of the upcoming steep grade and set truck lane restrictions to try to prevent future accidents."

Two "steep grade ahead" signs were installed at different locations on northbound I-75, one on the Dixie Highway overpass and one on the overpass at Kyles Lane. Two truck lane restriction signs were installed on I-75 southbound. The first sign "trucks use right 2 lanes" was placed on a truss near the 12th Street Exit. Due to the location, this sign installation took several hours to complete. Covington police assisted with traffic control. The second sign "end truck lane re-



striction" was placed at the Kyles Lane overpass southbound. The estimated cost to install the four panel signs was \$21,570.00.

The new signs will warn commercial trucks traveling north of the steep grade ahead. Those heading southbound will be required to use the right two lanes, thus keeping the left two lanes opened for faster traffic. This will help traffic flow on the ascent up the hill.